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SUBJECT: CANADA TO ATTEND APRIL 17 PAKISTAN DONORS
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(SBU) In response to reftel A points Peter Fawcett, Deputy Director, South Asia Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, said that Canada is looking forward to the April 17 conference. He agrees that Canada should participate at the Ministerial level and has recommended that either the Minister of Foreign Affairs or the Minister for International Development attend the event. However, Canada has not yet finalized the decision on who will attend the conference. Fawcett said the GOC has not yet determined if or how much it will contribute, but pointed out that Pakistan is a high priority within Canada's international aid regime.

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